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MOBILE TELEPHONES FACILITY THROUGH VILLAGE POSTMAN
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry propose to introduce Mobile Telephone Facility through the village postman called mobile postman;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the target fixed for this facility;

(c) by when and the States/areas where this facility is first to be introduced; and

(d) the total amount earmarked for the purchase of Mobile telephones during the current financial year for the above purpose?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI S MAHAJAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Government is considering a proposal to have a pilot project on WLL based Phone through Grameen Dak Sevaks on experimental basis. Modalities are yet to be finally decided .